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REPORTS OF TOWN OFFICERS

—OF THE—

Town of Londonderry,

—FOR THE—

Year Ending March 1st, 1866.

From the Press of William H. Fisk, Manchester.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

The amount of Funds chargeable to the Treasurer for the year ending March 1, 1866, is as follows:—

To balance in Treasury March 1st, 1865,	\$6.210 70
Principal of Surplus Revenue,	1.728 33
Interest due on “ “	90 96
Principal of Literary Fund,	779 38
Interest due on “ “	45 43
Literary Fund received from State,	44 90
Resident List of State, County, Town and School Taxes,	8.964 70
Non-resident List of State, County, Town and School Taxes,	1.042 76
List of School House Tax district No. 9,	25 99
Amount of Dog Tax,	63 00
Resident List highway taxes,	2.492 85
Non-resident list “ “	289 66
Received from County for County paupers,	298 40
Received from State, railroad tax, 1864,	366 61
“ “ “ recruiting fees,	410 00
“ “ “ reimbursement State Aid.	4.012 25
Received from State, railroad tax 1865,	511 47
“ “ “ savings bank tax,	281 87
“ “ County of Hillsborough, costs in Melvin lawsuit,	196 75
Received from town of Salem, support of H. Webster,	43 08
Received for use of town house,	2 00
Money received on notes payable,	13.342 50
	<hr/> \$41.443 59

The amount of Expenditures for the same year has been as follows:—

By paid outstanding orders,	\$364 00
Schools,	1.266 00
State tax,	3.622 50
County tax,	1.006 37
Highways and bridges,	55 73
Non-resident highway tax, in labor,	60 08
Winter roads,	43 77
Abatements,	102 20
Lawsuit expenses,	228 05

Recruiting expenses,	187 55	
Reducing enrollment,	29 45	
Expenses of paying families of volunteers,	18 00	
Bounties to volunteers,	2.912 00	
Families of volunteers, State aid,	1.716 76	
Town officers,	460 27	
For poor,	1.245 12	
Notes,	13,651 17	
Interest,	1.637 46	
Miscellaneous expenses,	70 92	
By Highway tax of 1862 paid in labor,	532 16	
" " 1863 " "	1.528 65	
Paid dist. No. 9 school house tax,	25 00	
Principal of Surplus revenue,	1.728 33	
" " Literary Fund,	669 71	
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	33.161 25	
Deduct outstanding orders,	33 00	
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	33.128 25	
Balance in Treasury,	8.315 34	
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		\$41.443 59

SCHOOLS.

District No. 1,	\$183 84	
" " 2,	179 79	
" " 3,	89 92	
" " 4,	120 54	
" " 5,	116 46	
" " 6,	71 83	
" " 7,	129 16	
" " 8,	173 54	
" " 9,	99 87	
" " 10,	26 41	
" " 11,	74 64	
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		\$1.266 00

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Paid Wm. M. Holmes, labor on Ela bridge, 1864,	\$3 50	
Francis Manter, bridge plank,	15 74	
D. R. Patterson, bridge plank,	10 74	
Cyrus Sanborn, labor and plank, Alexander bridge,	4 85	
Josiah Goodwin, labor and material for Crowell bridges,	20 90	
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		\$55 73

NON-RESIDENT HIGHWAY TAX.

Paid J. M. Platts, on list of 1864,	\$18 12	
" " " 1865,	41 96	
	<hr/>	\$60 08

WINTER ROADS.

Paid John Morrison, clearing roads,	\$4 74	
T. D. Chase, " "	3 07	
John March, " "	1 90	
John Remington, " "	1 63	
Abner Clark, " "	4 30	
Cyrus Sanborn, " "	2 75	
Jonathan Dana, " "	1 00	
David Anderson, " "	40	
Edward P. Ela, " "	7 00	
James Nevins,	5 50	
John King,	1 00	
John Gilcreast,	2 50	
John Alexander,	2 48	
Nathan Plumer,	5 50	
	<hr/>	\$43 77

ABATEMENTS.

Paid James M. Platts, on tax lists of 1863,	\$24 04	
" " " " " 1864,	34 38	
" " " " " 1865,	43 78	
	<hr/>	\$102 20

LAWSUIT EXPENSES.

Paid Asa Fowler, fees in Melvin case,	\$81 00	
Samuel N. Bell, fees in Melvin case,	147 05	
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RECRUITING EXPENSES.

Paid Wm. S. Pillsbury, for cash paid Surgeon, examining recruits,	\$6 00	
John Gilcreast, services and expenses as recruiting agent,	79 50	
Washington Perkins, services and expen- ses as recruiting agent,	77 35	
A. W. Mack, expenses to Concord paying recruit,	3 70	
J. M. Platts, time and expenses at Concord,	21 00	
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REDUCING ENROLLMENT.

Paid Nathaniel Alexander, expenses to Portsmouth,	\$5 00	
James F. Young, expenses to Portsmouth,	5 00	
R. C. Mack, services and expenses to Portsmouth, reducing enrollment,	10 60	
J. P. Whidden, expenses to Portsmouth,	4 75	
John Fling, " " "	4 10	
		<hr/> \$29 45

BOUNTIES TO VOLUNTEERS.

Paid Francis Lupean,	\$600 00	
Oliver Sansover,	600 00	
Hugh Mulheren,	600 00	
Daniel Griffin,	600 00	
James Nichols, 2d, for substitute,	300 00	
Isaac K. Colby's heirs, bounty due in 1864,	212 00	
		<hr/> \$2,912 00

TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid D. R. Leach, selectman 1864,	\$3 75	
Cyrus Sanborn, " 1863,	10 25	
Calvin Boyd, moderator 1865,	4 00	
A. W. Mack, town clerk,	18 00	
A. W. Mack, selectman 1864,	10 00	
George Hurd, " "	3 00	
A. W. Mack, " 1865,	95 25	
George Hurd, " "	70 75	
J. M. Platts, " "	78 27	
A. W. Mack, select clerk,	10 00	
Jonathan Savory, Treasurer,	16 00	
J. M. Platts, Collector,	95 00	
John Haynes, superintending school com.,	40 00	
J. McAllistes Auditor,	2 00	
A. P. Hardy, " "	2 00	
Nathan Plumer, " "	2 00	
		<hr/> \$460 27

INTEREST PAID.

Paid West Parish,	\$84 47	Paid W. I. Coburn,	30 00
John Dickey,	71 64	A. C. Garland,	18 00
John Shipley,	48 72	G. D. Spinney,	12 00
Jos. L. Shipley,	21 03	Sarah M. Annis,	8 10
Helen Knight,	24 00	Dan'l G. Annis,	12 00
David Crowell,	40 56	Betsey C. Annis,	31 50
Susan A. Davis,	54 00	Jonathan Savory,	72 78
Priscilla Nichols,	30 00	M. F. Dodge,	16 00

Derry Bank,	25	J. McMurphy,	31 80
Laura A. Corning,	23 04	Jane Holmes,	24 00
Joanna Adams,	30 45	F. D. Anderson,	6 00
Perley Wallace,	24 00	Isaac Dow,	31 50
Sarah H. Hovey,	24 00	H. A. Hovey,	26 50
Chas. H. Morrison,	12 00	Francis Manter,	5 00
John C. Estey,	19 74	W. S. Robbins,	30 00
Isaac W. Hall,	29 41	Washington Perkins,	48 00
John Taylor's estate,	556 20	Truman Parker,	12 00
Lydia Atwood,	37 80	James A. Nichols,	30 00
Walter H. Noyes,	1 50	E. W. Dickey,	13 29
J. M. Noyes,	27 00	Jas. Dickey, Jr.,	12 18
Wm. Annis,	1 00	E. O. Dodge,	6 00
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			\$1.637 46

NOTES AND ENDORSEMENTS PAID.

John Moor,	\$128 73	Geo. F. Greeley,	235 00
Lyman J. Slate,	604 70	J. A. Nichols,	250 00
E. P. Moor,	187 55	A. S. Vickery,	50 00
James Dooley,	517 16	J. L. Shipley,	100 00
Dustin Hamblett,	446 50	John Shipley,	300 00
David R. Leach,	1.496 62	S. R. Corning,	150 00
Almira Anderson,	460 79	W. C. Hunttee,	103 03
A. D. Greeley,	200 00	Chas. E. Estey,	221 68
David W. Coffin,	516 28	John Dickey,	306 45
Lucien Pickering,	728 18	Edwin Follansbee,	429 04
E. I. Clark,	114 13	N. B. Perno,	310 00
Samuel Clark,	203 41	C. P. Page,	417 17
Charles Austin,	548 02	C. O. Dissmore,	158 70
M. M. Peabody,	50 00	J. S. Wheeler,	185 29
M. F. Dodge, Jr.,	200 00	Emeline Shipley,	200 00
John Merrill,	50 00	A. H. Moor,	210 00
W. C. Bancroft,	348 00	John Dickey, guardian,	300 00
H. E. Woods,	524 19	George W. Wilson,	350 00
A. P. Ripley,	200 00	Jona. Savory,	261 63
W. P. Wallace,	150 00	John H. Estey,	30 00
H. Wallace,	43 20	A. McMurphy,	25 00
J. C. Estey,	150 00	James Nichols, 2d,	316 21
L. P. Gardner,	127 61	J. W. Hall,	151 50
Almira Hamblett,	65 00	D. G. Annis,	208 00
John L. Blood,	322 40		<hr/>
			\$13.651 17

EXPENSES OF POOR.

ALMSHOUSE.

Paid Arley Plumer, groceries, &c.,	\$42 46
W. P. Richardson, blacksmith work,	11 71

Caleb Gage, plow,	9 12
Stevens & Patterson, goods,	15 40
Plumer & Chandler, clothing,	4 25
J. Abbott & Co., breadstuffs,	23 81
W. Richardson, supplies,	89 09
H. C. Merrill,	11 83
J. M. & G. W. Platts, supplies,	145 62
John Haynes, medical attendance,	7 00
J. R. Bagley, superintendent,	175 00
M. P. Annis' estate, 1 month's salary as superintendent,	25 00
Mr. Strong, for beef cow,	37 00
G. F. Bosher, for sheets,	6 00
Parker Farley, repairs on wagon,	6 15
R. P. Clark, hay,	5 25
John Prince, coffin and robe, D. McClary,	7 25

\$621 94

PAUPERS NOT AT ALMSHOUSE.

Paid George W. Howe, support of E. Wyman,	\$33 00
B. F. Garvin, supplies for Silas Barker,	27 35
Newell Boyce, coffin and robe for S. Barker,	8 50
N. H. Asylum, support of Mary R. Parker,	120 85
John Alexander, board and nursing of D. B. McClary,	18 00
John Estey, board and nursing D. B. McClary,	9 00
Mary Goodwin, support of Amos Good- win, 1864,	54 08
Arley Plumer, supplies for H. Webster,	43 08
" " " " John Boyce,	31 50
J. Haynes, med. attendance Mrs. "	2 50

\$347 86

COUNTY PAUPERS OUT OF ALMSHOUSE.

Paid B. F. Garvin, supplies for Lewis Naylor,	\$19 32
J. M. & G. W. Platts, " " "	85 00
" " " supplies for J. Willey,	113 35
" " " clothing " "	20 09
J. L. Whittemore, supplies for Ginger Harvey,	20 00
John Haynes, med. att. County pauper,	3 25
Aaron P. Hardy, wood for S. Bancroft, 1864,	4 00
D. R. Patterson, board and nursing for Elisabeth Powers,	9 06
S. D. Smith, snpplies for Lewis Naylor,	1 25

\$275 32

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Paid for Revenue Stamps,	\$7 00	
Postage,	1 50	
Express bills, checks, and telegram,	1 52	
Wm. Anderson, perambulating town line,	1 00	
D. L. Guernsey & Co., printing,	75	
McFarland & Jenks, blank notes,	1 50	
Wm. H. Fisk, town reports,	28 35	
Wm. H. Fisk, blank books and Stationery,	8 65	
John Gilcreast, setting glass in town house,	3 00	
N. P. Green, stationery,	42	
Montgomery Dickey, repairs on hearse,	1 00	
John Shipley, care of hearse,	1 25	
J. Savory, wood for town house,	2 25	
J. M. Platts, car fare and expenses to Portsmouth and Concord,	9 13	
A. W. Mack, car fare and expenses to Concord twice,	3 60	
		<hr/> \$70 92

Londonderry, Feb. 28, 1866.

This certifies that we have audited the Selectmen's accounts for the year ending this day, and find the same correctly cast and properly vouched.

J. McALLISTER,
NATHAN PLUMER, } AUDITORS.
AARON P. HARDY, }

ALMSHOUSE REPORT.

Invoice of stock and produce March 1, 1866:

1 horse,	\$125 00	1 bushel peas,	3 00
1 pair oxen,	240 00	½ bbl. soap,	2 75
4 cows,	200 00	125 lbs. beef,	17 50
1 heifer,	24 00	1 ½ bbls. pork,	45 00
1 yearling,	14 00	171 lbs. ham,	32 49
6 tons English hay,	108 00	43 lbs. butter,	19 35
2 " " "	34 00	3 pecks cranberries,	3 00
½ ton clover hay,	7 50	Lot vegetables,	3 00
Meadow hay,	6 00	1½ bbls apples,	6 50
1 ton oat straw,	8 00	65 bushels potatoes,	48 75
75 bundles corn stalks,	1 00	Lot onions and cabbages,	2 00
3 shoats,	100 00	12 lbs. dried apples,	3 00
1 bbl. vinegar,	12 00	Groceries,	4 02
17 bushels corn,	17 85	49 lbs lard,	12 00
½ bushel seed corn,	75	Flour and meal,	6 33
15 bushels oats,	9 00	28 lbs. candles,	6 16
1 bushel white beans,	3 00	14 fowls,	7 00
2 bushels colored beans,	5 00		
			<hr/> \$1.136 95

Almshouse in account with town.		Dr.
To invoice Feb. 26, 1865,	\$1.033 18	
bills paid for supplies, &c.,	421 94	
Superintendent's salary,	175 00	
M. P. Annis' salary 1 month,	25 00	
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		Cr.
By invoice of March 1, 1866,	\$1.136 95	
Received of County for support of paupers		
at Almshouse,	234 64	
new furniture and tools purchased,	25 00	
repairs on wagon,	18 00	
Improvement in removing stones,	25 00	
repairs in house,	7 00	
new bed clothing,	36 00	
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Balance against Almshouse,		\$172 53

In balancing the almshouse accounts it is proper to state that while prices have been very high, but little has been produced from the farm for sale. The apple crop and a promising potato crop proved failures. Under more favorable circumstances we have no doubt the superintendent would have placed the balance upon the other side of the account. It might be further stated that the virtue of economy has been practiced upon the town farm until the stock of tools, furniture, &c., is entirely inadequate to the needs of such an institution. A more liberal outlay of capital is required before it will become a "model farm."

B A L A N C E S H E E T .

Town of Londonderry,		Dr.
To notes payable,	\$50.529 02	
orders outstanding,	33 00	
amount of inte.est due March 1, 1866,	2.678 00	
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Town of Londonderry,		Cr.
By amount due from Government, install-		
ments on U. S. bounties advanced,	\$4.415 00	
amount due from State, aid to fam. of vols.,	894 60	
State note, due in June, 1866,	316 00	
amount of surplus revenue,	1.728 33	
balance in Treasury, highway tax out,	3.877 50	
Amount of debt,	42.008 59	
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A. W. MACK,	}	SELECTMEN
GEORGE HURD,		OF
J. M. PLATTS,		LONDONDERRY.

SCHOOL REPORT.

DISTRICT NO. 1.—Summer term, Miss Mary A. Clark, Teacher.

Miss C. commenced her new avocation with this term, and had the pleasure of giving good satisfaction to all concerned. There were unavoidably many classes in each branch, which made the teacher much labor. Six were found reading in the primer, some of whom did not know their alphabet, and were too young for the schoolroom. The term was suspended for two weeks on account of sickness among the scholars. Many were irregular in their attendance on the same account. Those who attended regularly throughout the term made good improvement. The length of term gave several classes an opportunity to go through their books, which they did not fail to improve. Louisa M. Dana, Hannah C. Webster, Anna C. Young, Sarah A. Morse, Ella Z. Sanborn, Anna R. Sanborn, Ellen M. Perham, Fannie J. Perham, Georgia W. Gilcreast, and Wesley J. Young were neither absent or tardy.

Winter term,—Jesse G. McMurphy, Teacher.

Mr. McMurphy taught in District No. 2 one year ago with perfect success, and we do not hesitate to pronounce the recent term quite as successful as that of last year. The scholars, teacher and parents seemed to have a general interest in the school. The scholars were all found present the last day, many accompanied by their parents. Quite a number of compositions and declamations were listened to with interest. Some of the compositions were original, which it should be remembered are always the most interesting to the hearer and beneficial to the scholar. Sarah A. Morse, Hattie E. Hardy, Gracie E. Conant, Cora E. Slate, Ella Z. Sanborn, Adfer C. Slate, and Jonathan Gilcreast were neither absent nor tardy.

DISTRICT NO. 2.—Summer term, Miss M. D. Anderson, Teacher.

Miss Anderson taught here the summer previous, and was chosen again on the success and satisfaction given before. Some of the scholars, for want of parental advice and restraint, were permitted to leave the school, one after another, until one-half their number were absent. This unwarrantable proceeding I have reason to believe could not be attributed to any fault of the teacher. Those who withstood the tide of desertion and were punctual at school did credit to themselves and their teacher at the examination. Quite a long list of names were found recorded that had not whispered during the term. Nellie Taggard, Charles McAllister, and Daniel Boyd were neither absent nor tardy.

Winter term,—William Clark, Teacher.

Mr. Clark was a craftsman in the science, having taught but one term previous. Many of the large scholars, who have added much to the appearance of this school formerly have left the past year, some for higher grades of schools and others for the humble pursuits of life. Some few of the scholars left the school before the close, as they did in the summer, and with as little apparent cause. Parents should at once correct this habit of desertion.—At the close the scholars were attentive and respectful. The recitations were good. A class of six went through the National arithmetic. Frances L. Fifield, Mary E. Wallace, Florence Gage, Henrietta L. Peabody, Carrie G. White, George J. McAllister, and Charles McAllister were neither nor tardy during the term.

DIST. NO. 3,—Summer term, Miss Amorett A. Hopkins, Teacher.

Miss Hopkins is a teacher of some experience, and appeared to be familiar with the requirements of a good school. The school appeared quiet and orderly, with a decided interest for the second week of its progress. I am sorry to say that it was impossible to be present at the close, therefore I cannot report, perhaps, as favorably as merits require. I judge from inquiry that the school was quite satisfactory to a large majority of the district. Estella E. Scully, Emma F. Boyd, Frank Esty and George Gregg were neither absent nor tardy.

Winter term,—Miss Addie M. Greeley, Teacher.

Miss Greeley had here the benefit derived from a large and commodious schoolroom, which is of no minor importance in conducting a school to its best interest. A vacation of three weeks was occasioned during the term by sickness of the teacher, which we trust was no injury to the interest or progress of the school. Order was quietly and effectually maintained. Friendship and mutual interest seemed to prevail with scholars, teacher and parents. Paolina O. Scully, Estella E. Scully, and Frank H. Esty were neither absent nor tardy.

DIST. NO. 4,—Summer term, Miss Addie M. Greeley, Teacher.

Miss Greeley has had the experience of teaching but one term before, and we are happy to say accomplished much, considering the disadvantage of being a resident of the district and the limited dimensions of the schoolroom. Yet, order was made the first rule to learn, and strictly adhered to throughout the term. Every scholar was made to get his or her lesson and recite it without much aid from the teacher. The scholars all greeted us with their presence, as did many of their parents, the last day, and the recitations were prompt and satisfactory. Addie Morrison, Clara Boyd, and Charles Boyd were neither absent nor tardy.

Winter term,—Alphonso H. Powers, Teacher.

This was Mr. Powers' first trial at the employment, and we are glad to say he gave much better satisfaction than was prophesied at our first visit. Order was sadly deficient, if not wholly want-

ing. Those scholars who preferred whispering and playing to study, received but little benefit from their school. Mr. Powers labored hard to learn his pupils, and we have no doubt would have realized the fruit of his labor if a little more regard for order had been enforced. The term was short and little more than a review of what was passed over during the summer. The school was continued four weeks after the examination by subscription. John E. Woodburn was neither absent nor tardy.

DIST. NO. 5,—Miss Mary F. C. March, Teacher both terms.

Miss March has taught three successive terms in this district, and with the best results. Few teachers of her experience have been more successful the past year. A new and beautiful set of "Outline Maps" have been added to the schoolroom the past summer. A decided interest in several of the branches was manifest. In spelling, Angie Page did not miss a word during the summer or winter term; Abby Kendall did not miss a word during the summer, and several others but one each during the winter. A long list of names were recorded in the summer and winter registers that did not whisper. In summer, Anna D. Sampson, Francella D. Kendall, Abby Kendall, Angie Page and Willie E. Woodbury were neither absent nor tardy.

DIST. NO. 6,—Sarah J. Currier, Teacher both terms.

Miss Currier was one of the number whose services were judiciously secured for both terms. The scholars in this district are mostly small: one third of their number were found reading in the primer. Yet young as most of them were, few schools in the county will be able to show a better record of attendance the past year. Seven of the sixteen recorded at the summer term, and thirteen of sixteen at the winter, were neither absent nor tardy. A class in physiology went through the book. In summer Orietta J. Boyce, Jennie E. Swett, Frances H. Young, Etta M. Young, Chas. F. Boyce, Fred E. Skinner, and Charles I. Brown; in winter Orietta J. Boyce, Jennie E. Swett, Etta M. Young, Cora B. Brown, Alma E. Swett, Hattie P. Mullins, Frances H. Young, Horace C. Boyce, Charles F. Boyce, Eugene N. Mullins, Henry R. Hall, Chas. J. Brown, and Fred E. Skinner were neither absent nor tardy.

DIST. NO. 7,—Miss Sarah B. Aiken, Teacher.

This school was visited but once, and that was the second week of its progress. It was then orderly, with a fair amount of interest manifest. I regret it so happened that I could not be present the last day to judge for myself as to merits or demerits. I find by inquiry that very good satisfaction was given. It should be remembered that many of the parents of this district have a habit of removing their children from school for trifling causes, which has become chronic and would require an angelic teacher to avert. Laura C. Rowell, Harry Annis, Elijah G. Chase, Fremont Chase, Herbert Pettengill, and James Pettengill were neither absent nor tardy.

Winter term,—Daniel G. Annis, Teacher.

Mr. Annis is a teacher of some experience, having taught several terms before in adjoining districts. The term was broken by sickness of the teacher, which was a misfortune to the scholars as well as teacher. Order was not what it should have been for the best interest of the scholars, still some progress was made. Grammar, as in past years, was found greatly neglected. Tower's Elements was the only book in use. Mary E. Boyce and Laura C. Rowell were neither absent nor tardy during the term.

DIST. NO. 8,—Miss Mary J. Reid, Teacher both terms.

Miss R. has taught us four terms of school within the past two years—three regular and one select term, the last year being the winter term, which was a successful experiment as to the capability of a female to teach our winter school. Both terms were long, successful and beneficial. Miss Reid is one of many who can do justice daily to the number of scholars in this district. There has been quite an interest in reading and spelling correctly with many of the scholars the past year. Many of the parents were present at the close of the winter term, and were entertained by declamations and a valedictory. The delivery of either could not be surpassed by collegiates. Lucy Perkins, Mary Perkins, Etta Barker, Ella Frost, Alnora Chase, Clara Chase, Ida Chase, Julia Chase, Ella F. Benson, Emma McGregor, Mary Norcross, Frank Norcross, Alice Whidden, Martha Whidden, and Emma S. Hamlet were neither absent nor tardy in the summer term; Mary Perkins, Lucy Perkins, Ella Benson, Alnora Chase, Clara Chase, Clara Young, Charles Barker, Frank McGregor and Willie Annis were neither absent nor tardy in the winter term.

DIST. NO. 9,—Miss Jane E. Brown, Teacher both terms.

Miss Brown is a teacher of decided merit and ability. Three terms were taught the past year, two regular and one select. Singing was one of the alternatives employed to make the schoolroom what art had failed to do, pleasant and attractive. This salutary but not novel prescription was the means of securing good attendance and a decided interest in school. The teacher remarks in her report, "The parents in the district have manifested an interest in the school which has been encouraging to the teacher. The pupils have for the most part shown a readiness to obey the rules, and a commendable interest and diligence in study." There was kept a non-whispering list containing the names of many scholars. Sarah J. Orell, Emma C. Vincent, Willie P. Emerson, John G. Hardy, Edwin C. Wilkins, Norman S. Wilkins and Frank M. Morse were perfect in attendance.

DIST. NO. 10,—No. 3 in Derry.

The school house in this district is situated in Derry, and under

the jurisdiction of their superintendent. Two terms were taught respectively by Miss Abby F. McMurphy, the first of eleven weeks and the second of eight. Henry McGregor was perfect in attendance both terms.

DIST. NO. 11,—Clara J. Barker, Teacher both terms.

This was Miss Barker's first essay at school-keeping, and for the tact and ability displayed in summer she was wisely secured for the winter term. Satisfactory progress was made in the different branches taught. Punctuality in attendance was hardly up to the standard for the best interest of education. A list containing the names of a large majority of the scholars was handed in who had not whispered during the term. In summer, Mary A. Berry, Mary E. Watts, Sarah J. Kimball, Effie M. Annis, Attie F. Annis, and Daniel W. Kimball; in winter, Mary A. Berry, Frances M. Pettengill, Sarah J. Kimball, Nahum C. Kimball, George W. Kimball, J. Milton Kimball, Charles G. Kimball and John Burns were neither absent nor tardy.

GENERAL REMARKS.

General health and happiness have pervaded our schools the past year, and I am happy to say there has been no entire failure on the part of any teacher to perform the duty for which they were selected. Our schools do not reach that standard of perfection which is so much desired, with the liberality of our present school system, and the advantages offered for procuring education. Yet it might be safely said, there has been the usual amount of interest manifest the past year.

There has been no change of school books the past year. Colton & Fitch's Quarto Geography has been introduced into several districts where scholars were found that had mastered the Modern.—They were introduced to supply a higher grade for those that desired, and for its physical treatise, which supplies the place of Warren's now in use. The Modern and Introductory of Colton & Fitch's series now in use by many of the scholars, should be exchanged for a more recent edition.

The subject of school houses should not be allowed to rest until there is a reformation brought about in several of our districts.—Nos. 1 and 4 want remodelling, the rooms made larger, and more seats added. There are at present more scholars than seats, unless three are crowded into seats where there should be but two. This condition of affairs has proved a serious obstacle to the maintenance of good order the past winter. Another very objectionable feature with these houses, as with many others in town, is the want of floor room for the formation of classes in reading and spelling.—

The interest in the latter is greatly retarded, if not lost, on this account,

The summer terms as usual were taught by female teachers, and seven of their number were retained for winter services. This proved to be a judicious proceeding and one in the right direction.—Those who taught successive terms in the same district have met with the most satisfactory results, and the greatest benefit has been derived from their labor the past year. Therefore teachers should invariably be secured for the year, provided they give good satisfaction, and then retained as long as possible. Many of the failures of our schools can be attributed to the frequent changes of teachers. Teachers should be selected who make it a business to teach, or at least calculate to, and none others. Those who teach only to have it said they have taught, or for the want of other employment, seldom meet with success. There cannot be too much caution used in the selection of teachers in regard to moral as well as intellectual character. It is of the utmost importance that the youthful mind should receive a proper and judicious training to fit it for future usefulness and happiness. One poor selection will undo much good, if not do a decided injury to the growing mind, and, I might add, more than many worthy teachers would be able to repair, if such ever took place.

In closing these unconnected remarks, I also close my connection in the capacity which I have attempted to fulfil for the past two years, and in so doing I would return my sincere thanks to scholars, teachers and parents: to the scholars for their courtesy and to the teachers and parents for their cooperation in the cause of education.

JOHN HAYNES,
Superintending School Committee.

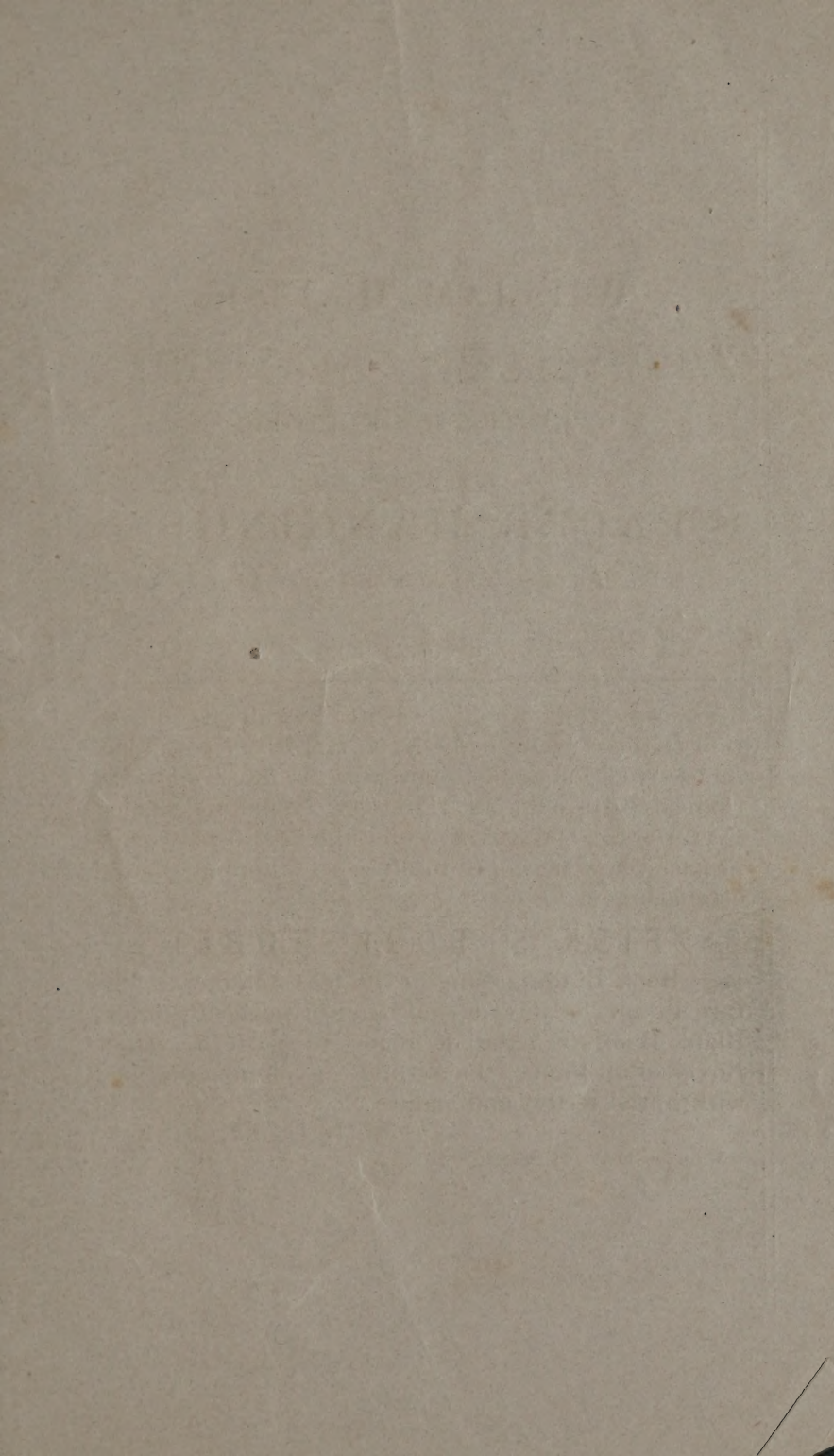
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STATISTICAL REPORT.

No. of district.	Prudential Committee.	No. of pupils in sum'r.	Av. att. in summer.	No. of pupils in wint'r.	Av. att. in winter.	Amt. of school money.	Wages per month, summer school.	Wages per month, winter school.	Length of sum. term.	Length of win. term.	No. of visitors.	Instances of tardiness.
1	David Gilcreast.	49	38	50	44	183 84	16 00	40 00	14	10	86	206
2	Jona McAllister.	33	22	39	30	179 79	20 00	36 00	12	12	105	134
3	Elbridge Curtice	26	21	32	27	89 92	16 00	21 00	12	9	65	263
4	Sanford Greeley.	40	29	41	34	120 54	19 00	32 00	13	7	55	338
5	E. A. Wiley.	27	22	28	20	116 46	18 00	24 00	12	13	105	132
6	S. R. Corning.	16	13	16	15	71 83	17 00	20 00	12	8	45	9
7	George W. Boyce.	31	25	30	24	129 16	16 00	30 00	10	10	67	75
8	David Barker.	67	60	67	57	173 54	20 00	27 00	11	14	136	113
9	William Vincent.	33	29	26	21	99 87	16 00	18 00	11	11	68	234
10	Alex'r McMurphy.	5	5	5	4	26 41	16 00	16 00	11	9	24	23
11	Chas. H. Watts.	21	17	17	15	74 64	16 00	21 00	12	8	50	30

Income of literary fund,	\$200 00
Interest on surplus revenue,	100 00
Amount of direct tax,	966 00
Whole amount of school money,	<hr/> \$1266 00




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